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TRIBUTE TO EDWARD M. HILL

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Edward M. Hill, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Edward is a graduate of Rapid City Central High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, he is attending Georgetown University, where he is majoring in international politics and security studies. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Edward for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE WAGNER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Katherine Wagner, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Katherine is a graduate of Spearfish High School in Spearfish, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in political science and mass communications. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Katherine for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TRACY ROGERS ZEA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Tracy Rogers Zea, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Tracy is a graduate of Seton Catholic High School in Chandler, AZ. He is a recent graduate of South Dakota State University, where he majored in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Tracy for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6400. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 3789. An act to limit access to Social Security account numbers.

S. 3987. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to the applicability of identity theft guidelines to creditors.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 267. Concurrent resolution congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 20th anniversary of their declarations on the restoration of independence from the Soviet Union.

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 3817. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2480. An act to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3237. An act to enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs".

H.R. 6184. An act to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to extend and modify the program allowing the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6399. An act to improve certain administrative operations of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 6400. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 267. Concurrent resolution congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 20th anniversary of the reestablishment of their full independence from the Soviet Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8364. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Restrictions on the Use of Mandatory Arbitration Agreements" (DFARS Case 2010-D004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8365. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Restriction on Ball and Roller Bearings" (DFARS Case 2006-D029) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8366. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the expenditure of funds to design the OHIO Replacement SSBN with the flexibility to accommodate female crew members; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8367. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Indonesia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8368. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Funds Transfer of Depository Taxes" (RIN1545-BJ13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8369. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification to the Relief and Guidance on Corrections of Certain Failures of a Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan to Comply with Section 409A(a)" (Notice 2010-80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8370. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the